

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

#### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. - 15. (canceled).

16. (new): A shower pipe intended to be connected between domestic water supply means and a showerhead, said pipe comprising a shower hose connected to a two-way valve which comprises a body inside which is accommodated a portion of a core through which passes a longitudinal water passage connecting an inlet and an outlet of the valve, which valve comprises at least one actuating system with a valve closure member, means for guiding the actuating system in the core of the valve and means for returning the actuating system to a rest position, the actuating system with a valve closure member adapted to be moved in a direction substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the passage between a position of partial or complete closure, in which a lower portion of the system forming a valve closure member shuts off the passage partially or completely, and a rest position in which water may pass freely through the passage of the core between the inlet and the outlet of the valve, the actuating system with a valve closure member having an upper portion projecting out of the valve body and conformed to allow movement of the system from the rest position to the position of partial or complete closure of the passage when the valve is inserted into a housing of a wall-mounted showerhead holder whose shape is complementary to the exterior shape of the body of the valve, wherein the return means comprise an inclined surface of the valve closure member lower portion of the actuating system such that the actuating system is returned toward its rest position by the force of the

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water in the passage or by a spring crossing the passage perpendicularly and pressing the actuating system towards its rest position.

17. (new): The shower pipe according to claim 16, wherein the return means comprise a spring crossing perpendicularly the longitudinal passage of a rectangular cross section, a first portion of the spring being placed in an interior housing of the actuating system and a second portion of said spring being placed in a housing of the core at the end of the passage opposite the actuating system.

18. (new): The shower pipe according to claim 16, wherein the two-way valve comprises at least two actuating systems with a valve closure member disposed in the guide means of the core on two opposite sides of the passage, each valve closure member lower portion of one of the systems moving towards the other upon movement of each system into a position of partial or complete closure to shut off the longitudinal passage completely or partially.

19. (new): The shower pipe according to claim 18, wherein the return means comprise a spring crossing the longitudinal passage perpendicularly, a first portion of the spring being accommodated in a first interior housing of the first actuating system and a second portion of said spring being accommodated in a second interior housing of the second actuating system.

20. (new): The shower pipe according to claim 16, wherein the guide means of the core are of tubular shape and extend from one end of the passage in the case of one actuating system or from two opposite ends of the passage in the case of two actuating systems, the longitudinal axis of the guide means being substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the passage, and wherein each actuating system comprises an O-ring disposed in a circular

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groove in an intermediate part of the actuating system, the O-ring being in contact with the tubular interior surface of the guide means.

21. (new): A two-way valve for a shower pipe according to claim 16, an inlet of said valve being intended to be removably connected to the shower hose and an outlet of the valve being intended to be connected to a showerhead, said valve comprising a body inside which is accommodated a portion of a core through which passes a longitudinal water passage connecting the inlet and the outlet of the valve, which valve comprises at least one actuating system with a valve closure member, means for guiding the actuating system in the core of the valve, and return means for returning the actuating system to a rest position, the actuating system with a valve closure member being adapted to be moved in a direction substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the passage between a position of partial or complete closure, in which a valve closure member lower portion of the system shuts off the passage partly or completely, and a rest position, in which water may pass freely through the passage of the core between the inlet and the outlet of the valve, the actuating system with a valve closure member comprising an upper portion projecting out of the valve body and conformed to allow movement of the system from the rest position to the position of partial or complete closure of the passage when the valve is inserted in a housing of a wall-mounted showerhead holder of complementary shape to the exterior shape of the body of the valve, wherein the return means comprise an inclined surface of the valve closure member lower portion of the actuating system such that the actuating system is returned toward its rest position by the force of the water in the passage or by a spring crossing the passage perpendicularly and pressing the actuating system towards its rest position.

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22. (new): The valve according to claim 21, wherein the return means comprise a spring crossing perpendicularly the longitudinal passage of a rectangular cross section, a first portion of the spring being placed in an interior housing of the actuating system and a second portion of said spring being placed in a housing of the

core at the end of the passage opposite the actuating system.

23. (new): The valve according to claim 21, wherein it comprises at least two actuating systems with a valve closure member disposed in the guide means of the core at two opposite ends of the passage and, upon movement of each system to a position of partial or complete closure, the valve closure member lower portions of the systems moving towards each other to close the longitudinal passage completely or partially.

24. (new): The valve according to claim 23, wherein the return means comprise a spring crossing the longitudinal passage perpendicularly, a first portion of the spring being accommodated in a first interior housing of the first actuating system and a second portion of said spring being accommodated in a second interior housing of the second actuating system.

25. (new): The valve according to claim 21, wherein the guide means of the core are of tubular shape and extend from one end of the passage in the case of one actuating system or from two opposite ends of the passage in the case of two actuating systems, the longitudinal axis of the guide means being substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the passage, and wherein each actuating system comprises an O-ring disposed in a circular groove on an intermediate portion of the actuating system and in contact with the tubular interior surface of the guide means.